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AMEMBASSY LISBON PRIORITY

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TAGS: PDIP, PINT, KS (KIM CHONG-T'AE)

SUBJECT: NEW SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR TO PORTUGAL

1. LISBON IS FIRST AMBASSADORIAL POST FOR KIM CHONG-T'AE (PREFERRED SPELLING KIM CHUNG TAI), WHO HAS SPENT MOST OF HIS FOURTEEN YEAR CAREER IN THE UPPER LEVELS OF MOFA IN SEOUL. KIM HAS A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE FROM KOREA'S PRESTIGIOUS SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, AND ALSO SERVED FIVE YEARS AS ARMY OFFICER DURING AND AFTER THE KOREAN WAR. AS A DIPLOMAT, HE HAS SERVED ABROAD BRIEFLY IN TOKYO AND CHICAGO, AND HAS SERVED SINCE 1973 AS MOFA ASSISTANT MINISTER, SUCCESSIVELY FOR ECONOMIC AND THEN FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS.
2. KIM (51) HAS LONG BEEN ONE OF EMBASSY'S MOST VALUABLE CONTACTS. HE IS OBVIOUSLY VERY HIGHLY REGARDED BY KOREAN LEADERS, AND IN PARTICULAR IS A PROTEGE OF PRESIDENTIAL SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS (AND FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER) KIM TONG-CHO. HE HAS ACTED AS A TROUBLE-SHOOTER FOR THE ROKG, MOST RECENTLY SERVING ON THE ROKG STUDY GROUP PREPARING KOREA FOR CONSULTATIONS ON TROOP WITHDRAWALS.
3. I BELIEVE AMBASSADOR KIM WILL BE A DYNAMIC, EFFECTIVE

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AND COOPERATIVE ROK REPRESENTATIVE IN LISBON AND A VALUABLE ALLY ON THE KOREAN QUESTION IN THE UNGA, SHOULD IT PROVE NECESSARY TO LOBBY ON THIS ISSUE, AND RECOMMEND EMBASSY ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM WHEN HE ARRIVES. HE EXPECTS TO BE IN LISBON BY JUNE 7 IN ORDER TO PRESENT HIS CREDENTIALS BEFORE THE SUMMER DOLDROMS BEGIN.

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